GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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NON-UTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coconut Development Board did not utilize Rs.20 crores in the last financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to organize a consortium with the help of coconut farming States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): During 2000-2001, Government of India provided grant-in-aid of Rs.70.00crores to Coconut Development Board for development of coconut which include assistance for management of eriophyid mite in Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and rehabilitation of cyclone affected coconut gardens in Andhra Pradesh. The Board utilized Rs.65.32 crores during the year 2000-2001.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.